

## Reach the One in 2021

### Intro

- Story of Mr Gennor

English Pastor asked for a testimony...

During the next months he numerous more stories of people hearing about Jesus through this man on George Street in Sydney

Keswick convention in the Caribbean speaking to missionaries - 3 missionaries said the same testimony

Stopped to speak to naval chaplains, chaplain general

Flew to missionaries 5000 in India asked how the leader came to Christ

146,100 people he influenced for Jesus

The power of reaching just one person for Jesus

- Context: This is where we are, this is where we are going
- Focus is off the pulpit and onto the pew
- We are to become disciple making multiplying communities
- There is power in the small
- As the story illustrated there is such power in reaching just one person
- Imagine a HC of 10 people...
- Reach for the one in 2021
- COVID vaccine, one vaccine at a time
- Jesus and the one
  - Zacchaeus
  - Many of the disciples were called one by one
  - Women caught in adultery
  - Women who Jesus healed
  - Man at the pool of Bethesda - So many people that Jesus walked by but Jesus went for the one
- Prayed a prayer I wanted to lead a person to Jesus every week of the year this year
  - 4 people
  - I'm not hitting my target but I know I've made a difference in the lives of 4 people this year!
- We reach people one by one
- That's not to say we don't care about the multitudes because we do but we reach them one at a time
- Imagine every believer in the UK reaching one person for Jesus. The Church would double in size every year.
- Reach the one in 2021

### Biblical examples

*One person changed a city*

- John 4 - Samaritan women
  - Jesus met her at the well, just one person
  - She was one person who went and told a city and impacted a city

- John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."
- John 4:42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world."
- Jesus reached the one and this one woman changed a city
- How many cities could be changed if we reached the one in 2021

### *One person changed a nation*

- Acts 8
- Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
- Tell the story...
- The Ethiopian Eunuch went back to Ethiopia and shared Jesus and changed a nation (according to Christian tradition)
- One man acting on a bit of obedience
  - Emphasise the obedience piece of Philip (moving from revival to the desert)
- How many nations could be changed if we reach the one in 2021

### *One person changed history*

- Acts 10 - Peter going to gentiles and the impact that had
- Tell the story
- Up until this point followers of Jesus were exclusively Jewish
- Peter went to the gentiles, under the leading of HS and changed the course of history
- This is such a monumental moment, we read of it twice, in Acts 10 then Acts 11
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You can make a difference that will impact your city

You can make a difference that will impact a nation

You can make a difference that will change history

By reaching just one person

## **Application**

### *Follow Jesus*

To reach the one we were going to need to live in step with the Spirit and in constant communion with Him